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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

IN RE ACTOS ANTITRUST LITIGATION
THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:
ALL ACTIONS

Master File No. 1:13-cv-09244-RA-SDA

**STIPULATED QUALIFIED PROTECTIVE ORDER REGARDING
NON-PARTY PRODUCTION OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION**

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2015, the Court entered a Stipulated Protective Order in the above-captioned litigation (the “Actions”);

WHEREAS, the March 18, 2015 Stipulated Protective Order stated that it may be amended “[b]y written agreement of the parties, or upon order of the Court”;

WHEREAS, the parties have served subpoenas upon non-parties pursuant to Rule 45 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and one or more non-parties has agreed to produce subpoenaed information only upon entry of a qualified protective order pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPAA”);

WHEREAS, the parties have stipulated to and seek the Court’s entrance of a qualified Protective Order concerning non-party production of “protected health information” pursuant to HIPAA;

WHEREAS, the parties, through their respective counsel of record, hereby stipulate to and request that the Court “So Order” the following:

1. The parties and their attorneys, and any future parties and their attorneys, in the Actions are hereby authorized to receive, subpoena, and transmit “protected heath information” produced by non-parties to the extent and subject to the conditions outlined herein.

2. For the purposes of this qualified protective order, “protected health information” shall have the same scope and definition as set forth in 45 C.F.R. §§ 160.103 and 164.501. Protected health information includes, but is not limited to, health information, including demographic information

relating to either: (a) the past, present, or future physical or mental condition of an individual; (b) the provision of care to an individual; or (c) the payment for care provided to an individual, which identifies the individual or which reasonably could be expected to identify the individual.

3. All non-party “covered entities” (as defined by 45 C.F.R. § 160.103) are hereby authorized to disclose protected health information to attorneys representing Plaintiffs and Defendants in the Actions.

4. The parties and their attorneys shall be permitted to use or disclose the protected health information of non-parties for purposes of prosecuting or defending the Actions, including any appeals. This includes, but is not limited to, disclosure to their attorneys, experts, consultants, court personnel, court reporters, copy services, trial consultants, and other entities or persons involved in the litigation process.

5. Prior to disclosing protected health information to persons involved in the Actions, counsel shall inform each such person that the protected health information may not be used or disclosed for any purpose other than the Actions. Counsel shall take all other reasonable steps to ensure that persons receiving the protected health information do not use or disclose such information for any purpose other than the Actions.

6. Within 45 days after the conclusion of the Actions, including appeals, the parties, their attorneys, and any person or entity in possession of protected health information received from counsel pursuant to paragraph four of this Order, shall return the protected health information to the covered entity or destroy any and all copies of protected health information, except that counsel are not required to secure the return or destruction of protected health information submitted to the court.



United States Magistrate Judge

Dated: 8/2/2023

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Respectfully submitted,

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